



Person County Digital Inclusion Task Force Drop-In Meeting

September 26, 2023



What is the Digital Inclusion Taskforce?

Person County's Digital Inclusion Taskforce is a group of county and community representatives committed to developing and implementing a plan that will achieve digital equity in Person County.



Thank You to Our Participating Organizations:



Mission and Vision

Mission

The digital inclusion taskforce is committed to engaging with community stakeholders to identify and address digital disparities, create opportunities for digital skill-building, and advocate for policies that promote digital equity and inclusion. By developing a countywide digital inclusion plan, we aim to empower our community members with the resources they need to succeed in the digital age and create a more inclusive and prosperous community for all.

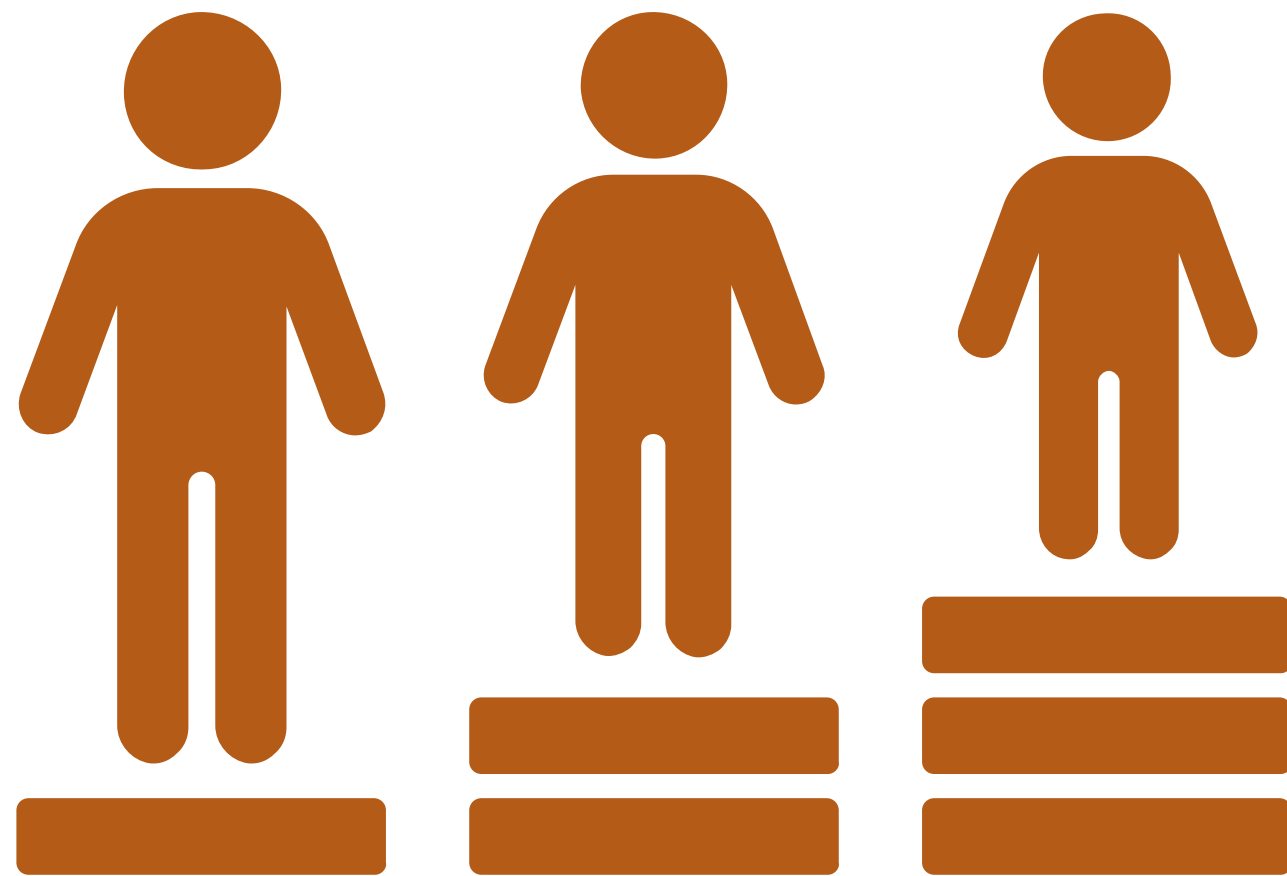
Vision

For everyone in Person County to have the access and skills to participate in a digital world



What is Digital Equity?

Digital Equity refers to the goal of all people having equal access to digital resources, such as the internet or a device.



What is Digital Inclusion?

Digital Inclusion refers to the efforts made to achieve digital equity.



Pillars of Digital Inclusion

Internet Availability

Do residents have sufficient options for high-speed internet?



Internet Affordability

Can residents afford a high-speed internet subscription?



Device Access

Do residents have a way to use the internet?



Digital Literacy

Do residents know how to use computers and navigate the internet?



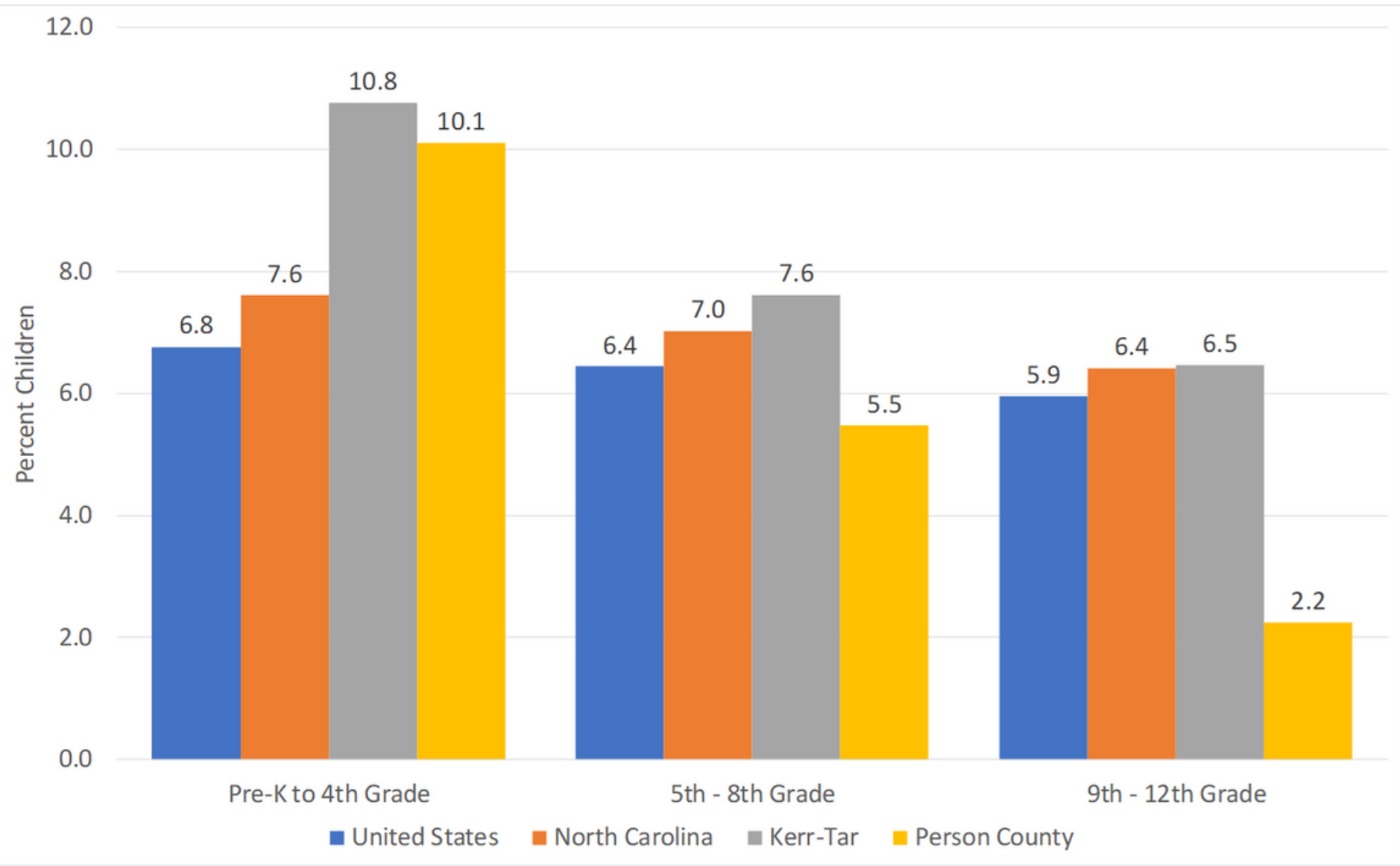
Technical Support

Do residents have access to help if they need it?

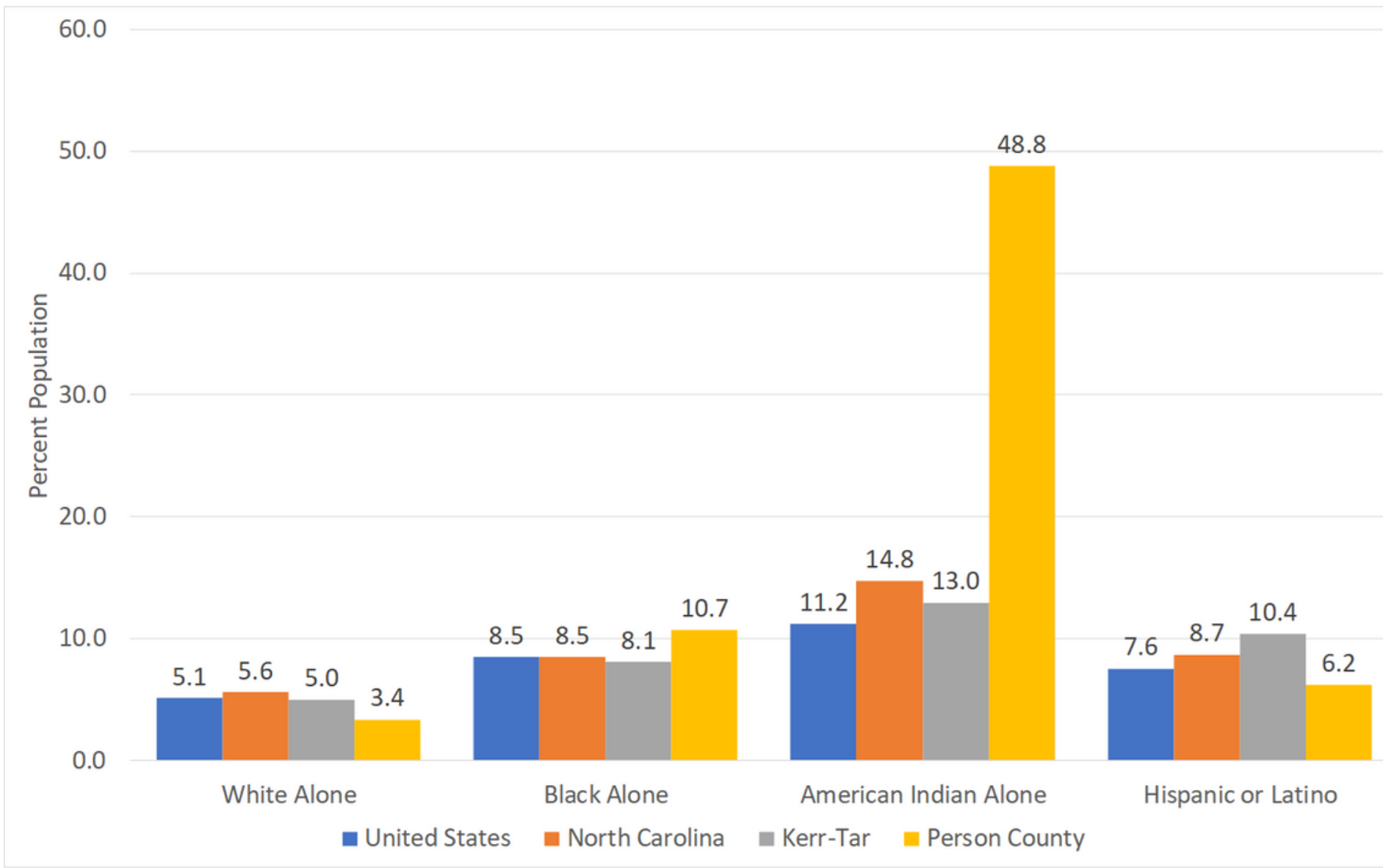


Digital Equity In Person County

Children Without Internet or Computers by Grade

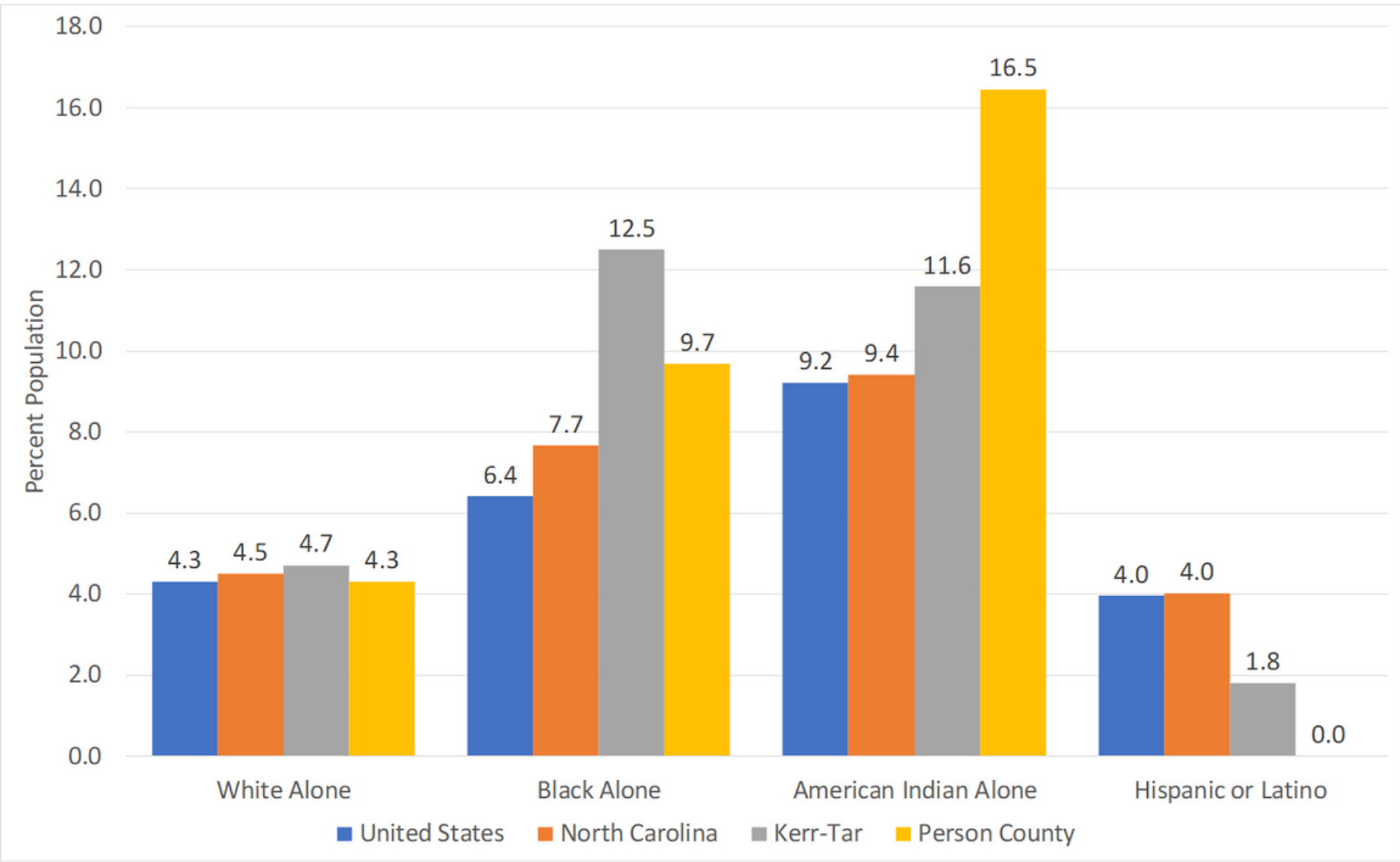


People With Computer, Without Internet by Race

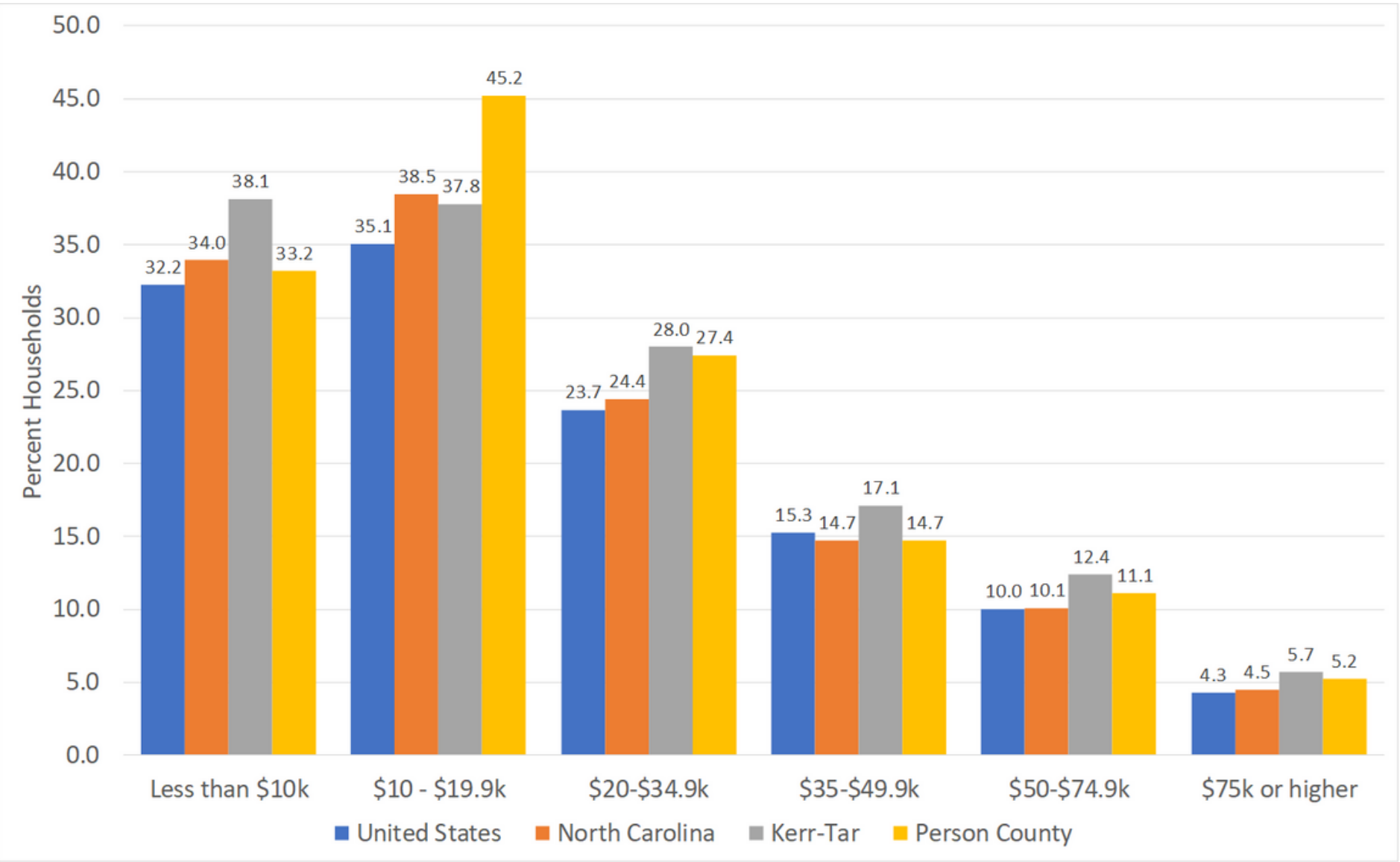


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People Without Computer by Race



No Home Internet Access by Household Income

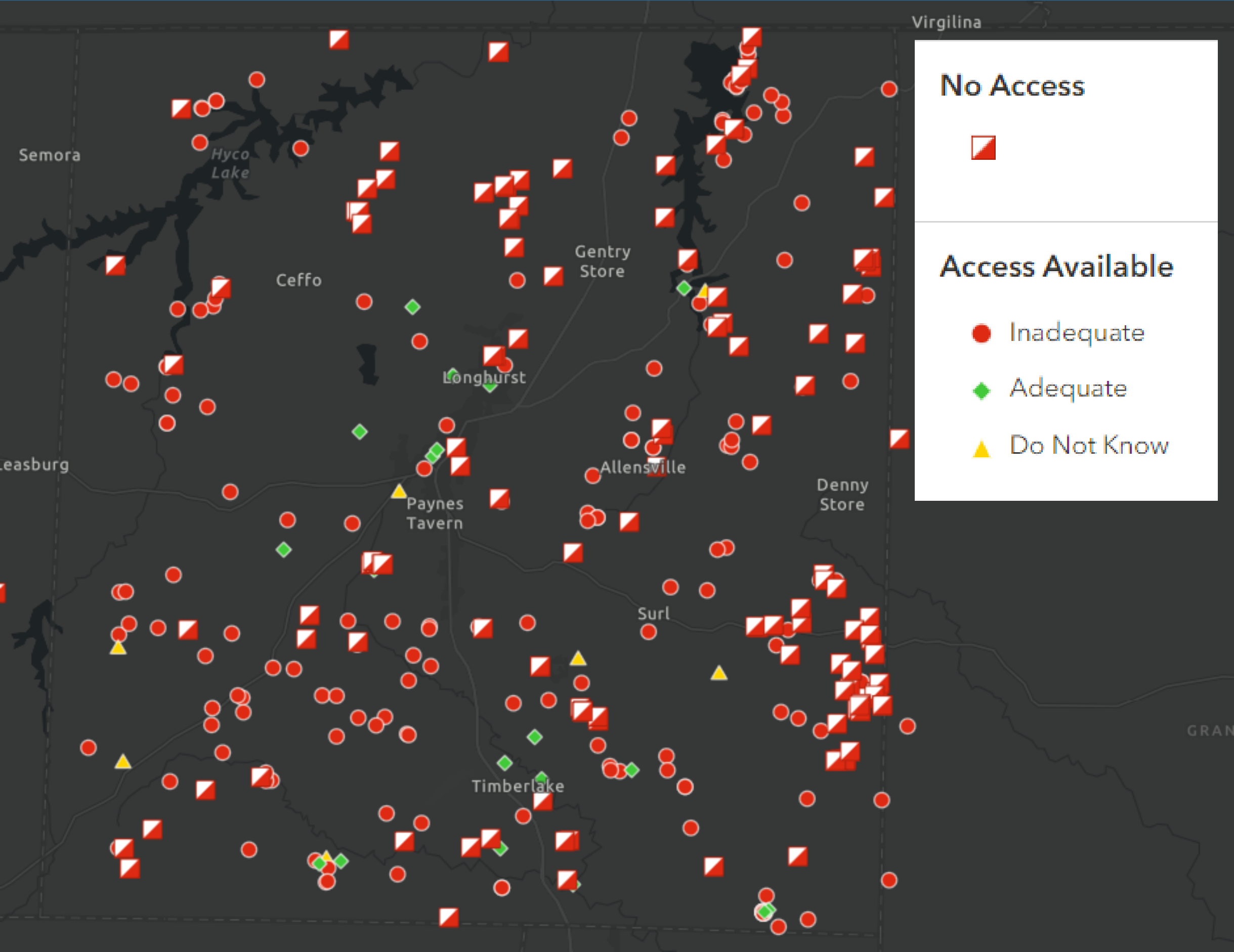


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Person County Internet Access Survey Results

All data points shown were recorded in 2021 or later

Source: Person County GIS



What Respondents Had to Say

“Please look into getting internet to our location, our child needs it for school.”

“Cannot afford Spectrum’s cost of bringing the line from the main street to the house.”

“Government is giving out grants for rural areas to get high-speed internet, hope Person County is taking advantage of them and being considered.”

“If the county is to grow and prosper, a good internet connection must be available to all who want it. It is a reference library for anyone that takes the time to learn how to use it.”

“By not having high speeds, I cannot take the classes I want by way of the internet. Downloading takes too long and there is too much buffering.”

“The internet access we are able to get now is way too slow. We would just like faster internet access at an adequate price.”

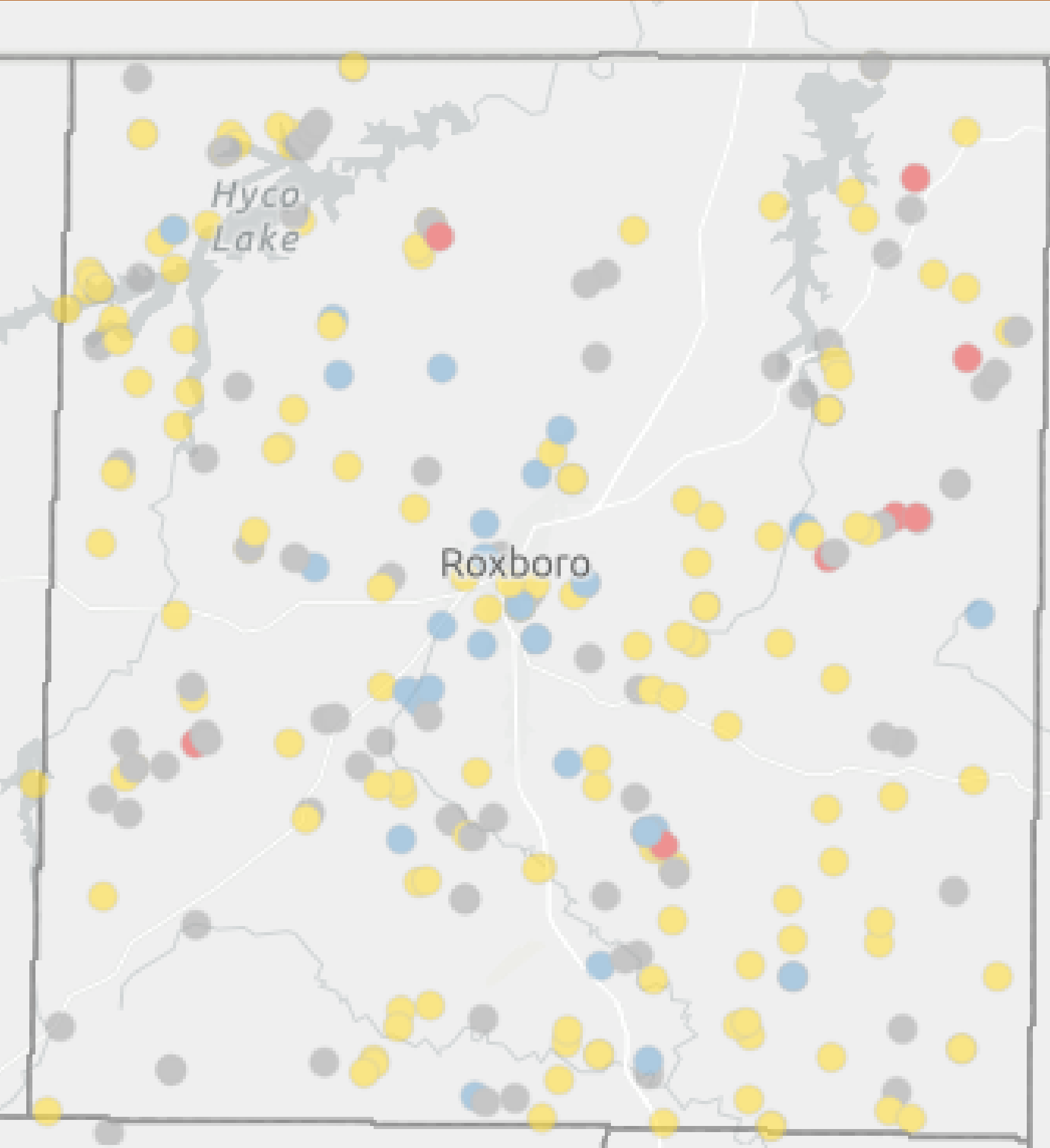
“I would like to know what my county is doing to enhance internet speeds. I feel as if our area has no potential to grow because of limitations.”

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NCDIT Broadband Survey Results (Person County)

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Source: North Carolina Department of Information Technology



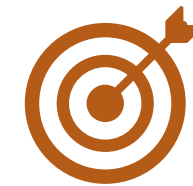
NC Broadband Survey Points

- No Internet
- Under 25/3
- Under 25/3 (Fastest)
- Over 25/3
- Other

Taskforce Goals



Assess Needs & Resources



Set Goals and Strategies



Write and Implement Digital Inclusion Plan



Involve the Community Throughout the Process

Want to Get Involved?

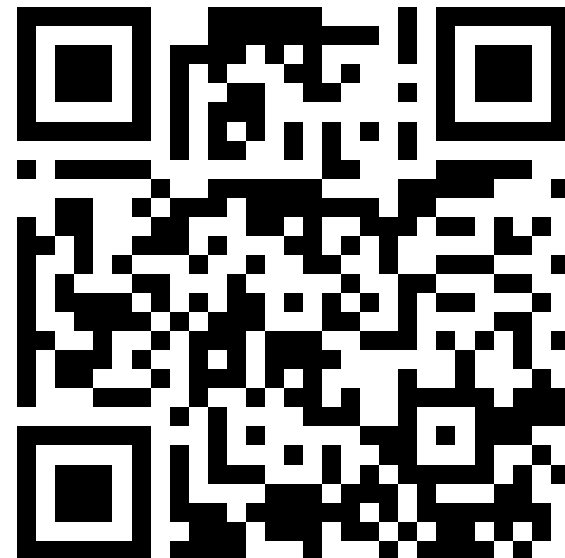
- **Volunteer** on the steering committee
- **Attend** a listening session
- **Speak** at community meetings
- **Ask** questions:
 - (336) 330-2233
 - digitalequity@personcountync.gov
- **Share** your thoughts by completing the surveys below (printed copies available)

Person County
Broadband Survey



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State Digital
Equity Survey



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